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HEADLINE: FACEBOOK DEVELOPS TOPIC EXCLUSION TOOL
HEADLINE 2: TOOL LETS ADVERTISERS AVOID CERTAIN TOPICS IN NEWS FEED
FACEBOOK IS DEVELOPING A NEW TOOL SO ADVERTISERS CAN AVOID HAVING THEIR ADS PAIRED WITH CERTAIN TOPICS IN NEWS FEED.
THE COMPANY WILL START TESTING TOPIC EXCLUSION CONTROLS WITH A SMALL GROUP OF ADVERTISERS.
THE TOPICS WILL INCLUDE NEWS & POLITICS, SOCIAL ISSUES, AND CRIME AND TRAGEDY.
FACEBOOK SAYS THE TOOL WILL HELP ADDRESS ADVERTISER CONCERNS ABOUT BEING ASSOCIATED WITH SUBJECTS THAT AREN'T ON-BRAND.
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https://thehill.com/policy/technology/536460-facebook-developing-tool-that-lets-advertisers-avoid-certain-topics?rl=1

HEADLINE: GOOGLE TO ALLOW GAMBLING APPS
HEADLINE 2: ONLINE CASINO GAMES, SPORTS BETTING AND LOTTERY APPS WILL BE ALLOWED
GOOGLE WILL SOON ALLOW GAMBLING APPS IN ITS PLAY STORE FOR ANDROID USERS IN THE U.S.
STARTING MARCH 1ST, ONLINE CASINO GAMES, SPORTS BETTING, LOTTERIES, AND FANTASY SPORTS APPS WILL BE ALLOWED IN SELECT STATES.
APP DEVELOPERS MUST FILL OUT A GAMBLING APPLICATION FORM THAT MEETS LAWS WHERE THE APP IS BEING USED.
THEY ALSO HAVE TO HOLD A VALID GAMBLING LICENSE.
GOOGLE ALSO ALLOWS GAMBLING APPS IN SOME OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING CANADA AND THE U.K.
https://support.google.com/googleplay/android-developer/answer/10318510#zippy=
https://www.cnet.com/news/google-will-soon-allow-gambling-apps-in-the-us-play-store/
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HI I'M NEWSY'S JOHANNAH GRENAWAY BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: WHATSAPP ADDS BIOMETRIC AUTHENTICATION
HEADLINE 2: FEATURE WILL LET USERS ADD FINGERPRINT OR FACIAL AUTHENTICATION TO THEIR ACCOUNT

WHATSAPP WILL ADD A BIOMETRIC AUTHENTICATION FEATURE FOR USERS WHO ARE ACCESSING THEIR ACCOUNTS THROUGH A WEB BROWSER OR DESKTOP APP.
THE FEATURE WILL ALLOW USERS TO ENABLE FINGERPRINT OR FACIAL AUTHENTICATION WHEN LINKING DEVICES TO THEIR ACCOUNT.
USERS WHO LOG ON TO THE WEB OR DESKTOP APP MUST VERIFY THEIR IDENTITY AND SCAN A QR CODE ON THEIR PHONES TO COMPLETE THE PROCESS.
WHATSAPP SAYS THE APP CANNOT ACCESS THE BIOMETRIC INFORMATION STORED IN A DEVICE'S OPERATING SYSTEM.
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https://techcrunch.com/2021/01/28/whatsapp-is-adding-opt-in-biometrics-to-its-web-and-desktop-versions/

HEADLINE: APPLE TO LAUNCH PRIVACY INITIATIVE
HEADLINE 2: COMPANY SAYS APPS MUST RECEIVE PERMISSION FROM USERS TO TRACK THEIR DATA
APPLE WILL LAUNCH A NEW PRIVACY INITIATIVE IN ITS NEXT IOS14 UPDATE.
CALLED "APP TRACKING TRANSPARENCY," IOS USERS WILL HAVE TO GIVE PERMISSION FOR THEIR DATA TO BE TRACKED ACROSS PLATFORMS OR SITES OWNED BY OTHER COMPANIES.
USERS CAN GO TO THEIR PHONE SETTINGS TO SEE THE APPS THAT HAVE REQUESTED PERMISSION TO TRACK SO THEY CAN MAKE CHANGES.
APPLE SAYS THE PRIVACY INITIATIVE IS AIMED AT HELPING USERS EASILY LEARN HOW THEIR PERSONAL DATA IS USED.
https://www.apple.com/privacy/docs/A_Day_in_the_Life_of_Your_Data.pdf
https://www.cnet.com/news/apple-to-roll-out-new-data-privacy-features-on-next-ios-14-update/
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HI I'M NEWSY'S GAGE JACKSON BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: RING LAUNCHES CHEAPER VIDEO DOORBELL
HEADLINE 2: DOORBELL CAMERA FEATURES 2-WAY AUDIO, ADVANCED MOTION DETECTION
RING HAS LAUNCHED A LESS-EXPENSIVE VIDEO DOORBELL CAMERA...ABOUT 60 DOLLARS.
CALLED "RING VIDEO DOORBELL WIRED," THE DEVICE FEATURES TWO-WAY AUDIO, NIGHT VISION AND ADVANCED MOTION DETECTION.
THE CAMERA WILL ALSO WORK WITH OTHER SMART HOME DEVICES LIKE SPEAKERS, ALARMS AND LIGHTS.
"RING DOORBELL WIRED" IS AVAILABLE FOR PREORDER AND WILL SHIP ON FEBRUARY 24TH.

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HEADLINE: HBOMAX HITS 17.2M ACCOUNTS
HEADLINE 2: PLATFORM SEES BOOST FROM "WONDER WOMAN 1984"
HBO MAX SAYS IT NOW HAS 17.2 MILLION ACCOUNTS….HELPED BY A SURGE OF FANS OF "WONDER WOMAN 1984."
THE WONDER WOMAN MOVIE DEBUTED ON THE STREAMING SERVICE AND IN THEATERS ON THE SAME DAY: CHRISTMAS.
ACCOUNTS DON'T NECESSARILY MEAN *PAYING SUBSCRIBERS...PEOPLE CAN WATCH AS PART OF THEIR REGULAR HBO PLAN AND SOME ARE ON FREE TRIALS.
HBO MAX IS EXPECTED TO EXPAND TO INTERNATIONAL MARKETS LATER THIS YEAR.
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HI I'M NEWSY'S GAGE JACKSON BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: DOGS BARK WARNINGS IN NEW ALEXA SERVICE
HEADLINE 2: "ALEXA GUARD PLUS" SUBSCRIPTION OFFERS 24-HOUR EMERGENCY HELPLINE
AMAZON HAS LAUNCHED A NEW SECURITY SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE THAT FEATURES ACCESS TO A 24-HOUR EMERGENCY HELPLINE.
CALLED "ALEXA GUARD PLUS," THE FEATURE ALLOWS ECHO USERS TO REQUEST MEDICAL, FIRE, AND POLICE ASSISTANCE.
IT ALSO ALERTS CUSTOMERS WHEN IT HEARS SOUNDS OF SOMEONE BREAKING IN AND SETS OFF NOISES TO DETER BURGLARS... SUCH AS DOGS BARKING... THROUGH THE SMART SPEAKER.
AMAZON IS OFFERING A FREE, ONE-MONTH SAMPLE FOR ALEXA USERS IN THE U.S.
https://www.amazon.com/b/ref=ods_rr_surl?node=18021383011
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HEADLINE: APPLE ISSUES SAFETY WARNING FOR IPHONE12

HEADLINE 2: IPHONE 12 AND MAGSAFE CHARGING ACCESSORIES COULD INTERFERE WITH MEDICAL DEVICES

APPLE IS WARNING THAT THE IPHONE 12 AND MAGSAFE CHARGING ACCESSORIES COULD INTERFERE WITH MEDICAL DEVICES.

THE COMPANY SAYS MEDICAL DEVICES LIKE IMPLANTED PACEMAKERS AND DEFIBRILLATIONS MIGHT HAVE SENSORS THAT COULD RESPOND TO MAGNETS AND RADIOS IN CLOSE CONTACT.

OWNERS ARE ADVISED TO KEEP AT LEAST SIX INCHES AWAY FROM THEIR GADGETS OR 12 INCHES AWAY IF THEY ARE CHARGING WIRELESSLY.

APPLE ALSO ENCOURAGES OWNERS TO TALK TO THEIR PHYSICIAN OR THE MAKER OF THEIR MEDICAL DEVICE FOR ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE.

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https://9to5mac.com/2021/01/24/iphone-12-magsafe-pacemakers-support/

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HEADLINE: APPLE LAUNCHES "TIME TO WALK"

HEADLINE 2: FEATURE OFFERS AUDIO EPISODES USERS LISTEN TO WHILE WALKING

APPLE HAS LAUNCHED A NEW FEATURE FOR APPLE FITNESS PLUS DESIGNED TO INSPIRE USERS TO WALK MORE.

CALLED "TIME TO WALK," THE FEATURE INCLUDES AUDIO EPISODES FROM CELEBRITIES AND INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE WHO SHARE STORIES, PHOTOS, AND MUSIC. EPISODES ARE BETWEEN 25 TO 40 MINUTES IN LENGTH AND WILL AUTOMATICALLY APPEAR IN THE WORKOUT APP ON APPLE WATCH.

"TIME TO WALK" IS AVAILABLE FOR APPLE WATCH, AIRPODS, AND PAIRED BLUETOOTH HEADPHONES.

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https://www.cnet.com/health/apples-new-celebrity-guided-walking-tours-on-fitness-plus-are-watch-only-immersive-podcasts/

https://techcrunch.com/2021/01/25/apples-new-fitness-feature-brings-celebrity-guided-walks-to-your-wrist/

HEADLINE: GOOGLE MAPS TO DISPLAY VACCINE SITES

HEADLINE 2: COMPANY PLEDGING $150 MILLION TO ASSIST WITH VACCINE EDUCATION

GOOGLE SAYS IT WILL DISPLAY VACCINATION DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION ON ITS SEARCH AND MAPS RESULTS TO HELP PEOPLE FIND WHERE TO GET VACCINES.
THIS COMES AS SEARCHES FOR THE PHRASE…"VACCINES NEAR ME"... HAVE INCREASED BY 5-FOLD SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR.
GOOGLE ALSO SAYS IT IS OPENING UP ITS OFFICES IN L.A., SAN FRANCISCO, NEW YORK CITY, AND KIRKLAND, WASHINGTON AS CORONAVIRUS VACCINATION SITES.
GOOGLE IS PLEDGING $150 MILLION TO ASSIST WITH VACCINE EDUCATION AND EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION.
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HI I'M NEWSY'S GAGE JACKSON BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: AMAZON TO OPEN POP-UP VACCINATION CLINIC
HEADLINE 2: COMPANY SAYS IT PLANS TO VACCINATE 2K PEOPLE AT ITS SEATTLE HEADQUARTERS

AMAZON IS PLANNING TO OPEN A POP-UP CORONAVIRUS VACCINATION CLINIC IN ITS DOWNTOWN SEATTLE HEADQUARTERS.
THE COMPANY WILL OPEN THE CLINIC THIS SUNDAY WITH THE GOAL OF VACCINATING 2,000 ELIGIBLE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THROUGH A PARTNERSHIP WITH VIRGINIA MASON MEDICAL CENTER.
AMAZON SAYS IT'S PROVIDING THE SPACE TO ADMINISTER VACCINES AND HELPING WITH LOGISTICS.
THIS COMES AFTER AMAZON SENT A LETTER TO PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN OFFERING TO HELP WITH THE COUNTRY'S COVID VACCINATION EFFORTS.
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https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-amazon-com-vaccine-idUSKBN29R0D8
https://www.businessinsider.com/amazon-vaccine-clinic-downtown-seattle-washington-2021-1

HEADLINE: OTTER.AI OFFERS CHROME EXTENSION
HEADLINE 2: SERVICE WILL RECORD MEETINGS, PROVIDE LIVE CAPTIONS AND CAPTIONS ON GOOGLE MEET

VOICE TRANSCRIPTION SERVICE OTTER.AI CAN NOW RECORD ONLINE MEETINGS ON GOOGLE MEET.
THE SERVICE WILL PROVIDE LIVE, INTERACTIVE TRANSCRIPTS AND VIDEO CAPTIONS THROUGH A CHROME EXTENSION.

USERS CAN VIEW THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE ONLINE MEETINGS IN REAL-TIME AND SAVE IT ONCE THE MEETING IS FINISHED.
OTTER SAYS THE FEATURE HELPS BUSINESSES REDUCE MISCOMMUNICATION, ESPECIALLY FOR NON-NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS.
IT SAYS IT'S TRANSCRIBED OVER 100 MILLION MEETINGS TO DATE.
https://techcrunch.com/2021/01/21/a-i-powered-transcription-service-otter-ai-can-now-record-from-google-meet/
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HI I'M NEWSY'S GAGE JACKSON BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: NETFLIX TO LAUNCH "SHUFFLE PLAY" FEATURE
HEADLINE 2: FEATURE WILL RANDOMLY SHOW CONTENT USERS MAY LIKE
NETFLIX SAYS IT WILL OFFICIALLY LAUNCH ITS "SHUFFLE PLAY" FEATURE WORLDWIDE.
THE NEW FEATURE ON NETFLIX'S HOME SCREEN WILL RANDOMLY SHOW SHOWS AND MOVIES THAT A USER REGULARLY WATCHES OR CONTENT THAT HAS BEEN SAVED TO A LIST.
NETFLIX SAYS THE SHUFFLE PLAY IS FOR CUSTOMERS UNSURE ABOUT WHAT THEY WANT TO WATCH AND WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR.
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https://techcrunch.com/2021/01/19/netflixs-shuffle-play-feature-will-roll-out-to-all-users-worldwide-this-year/

HEADLINE: TRUMP FACEBOOK BAN REEXAMINED
HEADLINE 2: PLATFORM SAYS IT DOES NOT BELIEVE IT SHOULD MAKE THE DECISION ON ITS OWN
FACEBOOK'S DECISION TO INDEFINITELY SUSPEND FORMER PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP'S ACCOUNT IS BEING REFERRED TO ITS INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT BOARD.
THE COMPANY SAID ITS SUSPENSION OF TRUMP'S ACCOUNT WAS NECESSARY BUT DOES NOT BELIEVE IT SHOULD MAKE THE DECISION ON ITS OWN.
TRUMP'S FACEBOOK ACCESS WILL REMAIN SUSPENDED WHILE THE INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT BOARD OF JOURNALISTS, ACADEMICS AND ETHICISTS REVIEWS THE MATTER.
FACEBOOK SUSPENDED TRUMP'S ACCOUNT EARLIER THIS MONTH BECAUSE HIS POSTS POSED AN UNACCEPTABLE RISK FOLLOWING THE ATTACK ON THE U.S. CAPITOL.
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HEADLINE: FACEBOOK UPDATES ALT TEXT FEATURE

HEADLINE 2: FEATURE DESCRIBES MORE LANDMARKS, ACTIVITIES, AND TYPES OF ANIMALS

FACEBOOK HAS INTRODUCED AN UPDATE TO ITS AUTOMATIC ALT TEXT FEATURE THAT IMPROVES PHOTO DESCRIPTIONS FOR BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED USERS.

THE ALT TEXT FEATURE CAN NOW RECOGNIZE OVER 10 TIMES MORE OBJECTS AND CONCEPTS IN PHOTOS... INCLUDING MORE LANDMARKS, ACTIVITIES, AND TYPES OF ANIMALS.

THE PHOTO DESCRIPTIONS CAN BE TRANSLATED INTO 45 LANGUAGES.

FACEBOOK JOINS OTHER TECH COMPANIES IN PLACING MORE EMPHASIS ON ACCESSIBILITY AND INCLUSIVE DESIGN.

https://www.cnet.com/news/facebook-improves-alternative-text-photo-descriptions-for-blind-visually-impaired-users/

https://techcrunch.com/2021/01/19/facebook-and-instagrams-ai-generated-image-captions-now-offer-far-more-details/

HEADLINE: NETFLIX HITS 200M SUBSCRIBERS

HEADLINE 2: PANDEMIC, NEW SHOWS HELP FUEL GROWTH OF STREAMING SERVICE

NETFLIX SAYS IT NOW HAS MORE THAN 200 MILLION SUBSCRIBERS WORLDWIDE.

THE STREAMING SERVICE SAYS THE SUCCESS MEANS THE COMPANY MEANS IT NO LONGER WILL NEED TO BORROW MONEY TO FUEL GROWTH.

ANALYSTS SAY NETFLIX'S GROWTH WAS AIDED BY THE CORONAVIRUS FORCING PEOPLE TO STAY AT HOME.

SUCH HIT SHOWS AS "THE QUEEN'S GAMBIT" AND "BRIDGERTON" HAVE ALSO HELPED NETFLIX GAIN CUSTOMERS.

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HEADLINE: FACEBOOK SUSPENDS GUN ACCESSORIES ADS
HEADLINE 2: PLATFORM WILL BAN ADS FOR ACCESSORIES LIKE GUN SAFES, VESTS, AND GUN HOLSTERS
FACEBOOK SAYS IT IS TEMPORARILY BANNING ADS FOR WEAPON ACCESSORIES AND PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT IN THE U.S. UNTIL JANUARY 22ND.
THE COMPANY SAID IT WILL NOW PROHIBIT ADS FOR ACCESSORIES SUCH AS GUN SAFES, VESTS, AND GUN HOLSTERS IN THE DAYS SURROUNDING THE INAUGURATION OF JOE BIDEN AS PRESIDENT.
FACEBOOK ALREADY BANS ADS FOR WEAPONS, AMMUNITION, AND WEAPON ENHANCEMENTS LIKE SILENCERS.
THE BAN COMES AFTER FACEBOOK FACED CRITICISM FOR ALLOWING POSTS ON ITS PLATFORMS PROMOTING THE ATTACK ON THE U.S. CAPITOL.
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HEADLINE: GOPRO ADDS NEW CAMERA FEATURES
HEADLINE 2: CAMERA NOW SUPPORTS MOTION DETECTION IN ALL VIDEO MODES
GOPRO IS INTRODUCING NEWER EXPERIMENTAL CAMERA ACCESS FEATURES.
THE CAMERA WILL NOW SUPPORT MOTION DETECTION IN ALL VIDEO MODE MODES, INCLUDING 360-DEGREE DETECTION. THE CAMERAS WILL BE ABLE TO AUTOMATICALLY START AND STOP UPON MOVEMENT.
IT ALSO HAS AN OPTION TO BEGIN LIVE STREAMING WHEN CONNECTED TO A WI-FI NETWORK.
OWNERS CAN DOWNLOAD AND INSTALL FIRMWARE TO ADD THESE FEATURES TO THE CAMERAS.
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HI I'M NEWSY'S GAGE JACKSON BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: APPLE TO LAUNCH NEW MACBOOK PROS
HEADLINE 2: NEW LAPTOPS MAY COME WITH MAGSAFE CHARGING PORTS; TOUCH BAR FEATURE REMOVED
APPLE IS PLANNING TO LAUNCH A NEW VERSION OF THE MACBOOK PRO LAPTOPS.
THE NEW MODELS WILL REPORTEDLY HAVE 14-INCH AND 16-INCH SCREENS WITH AN UPDATED DESIGN, A FASTER PROCESSOR, AND THE RETURN OF THE MAGSAFE CHARGING PORTS.
APPLE MAY ALSO REMOVE THE TOUCH BAR FEATURE AND CURVED EDGES FOR THE NEW MODELS.

AN APPLE ANALYST SAYS THE COMPANY HASN'T CHANGED THE LAPTOP DESIGN IN FIVE YEARS.
THE NEW MACBOOK PRO COULD BE AVAILABLE LATER THIS YEAR.
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HEADLINE: INSTACART OFFERS COVID VACCINE STIPEND
HEADLINE 2: COMPANY SAYS IT WILL OFFER WORKERS $25 TO TAKE TIME OFF FOR VACCINATION
INSTACART SAYS IT WILL PAY EMPLOYEES A $25 STIPEND TO TAKE TIME OFF WHEN THEY GET THE CORONAVIRUS VACCINE.
THE COMPANY SAYS IT'S ROLLING OUT THIS PROGRAM ON FEBRUARY 1ST SO WORKERS DON'T HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN EARNING MONEY AND GETTING VACCINATED.
DOLLAR GENERAL AND TRADER JOE'S HAVE ANNOUNCED SIMILAR PROGRAMS.
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HEADLINE: SNAPCHAT TO BAN PRESIDENT TRUMP'S ACCOUNT
HEADLINE 2: PLATFORM CITES PUBLIC SAFETY, SPREAD OF FALSE INFORMATION
SNAPCHAT WILL PERMANENTLY BAN PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP'S ACCOUNT ON JANUARY 20TH.
A COMPANY SPOKESPERSON SAYS IT HAS MADE THE DECISION TO BAN THE PRESIDENT IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND BASED ON HIS ATTEMPTS TO SPREAD MISINFORMATION, HATE SPEECH, AND INCITE VIOLENCE.
SNAP HAD ALREADY INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED PRESIDENT TRUMP'S ACCOUNT LAST WEEK.
FACEBOOK AND TWITTER ARE AMONG OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS THAT HAVE EITHER SUSPENDED OR BANNED PRESIDENT TRUMP.

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HEADLINE: SAMSUNG LAUNCHES "GALAXY SMARTTAG"
HEADLINE 2: TILE TRACKER PRODUCT CAN BE ATTACHED TO ITEMS LIKE KEYS, BAGS
SAMSUNG HAS LAUNCHED ITS NEW ITEM TRACKER CALLED "GALAXY SMARTTAG."
THE NEW TRACKER CAN BE ATTACHED TO ITEMS LIKE KEYS AND BAGS THAT A PERSON WANTS TO TRACK.
GALAXY SMARTTAG WILL USE BLUETOOTH THAT PAIRS WITH A SMARTPHONE USING THE SMARTTHINGS APP TO SHOW THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF AN ITEM ON A MAP.
SAMSUNG SAYS ITS NEW ITEM TRACKER WILL ONLY WORK WITH SAMSUNG GALAXY DEVICES AND NOT ON OTHER ANDROID DEVICES OR IPHONES.
GALAXY SMARTTAG WILL SHIP ON JANUARY 29TH.
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HI I'M NEWSY'S JOHANNAH GRENAWAY BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: TIKTOK ISSUES NEW PRIVACY SETTINGS
HEADLINE 2: PLATFORM WILL MAKE ACCOUNTS FOR USERS UNDER 16 DEFAULT TO PRIVATE
TIKTOK WILL MAKE ACCOUNTS DEFAULT TO PRIVATE FOR USERS UNDER 16.
ONLY THE FOLLOWERS YOUNGER USERS ADD AS FRIENDS ON THE APP CAN SEE THEIR VIDEOS AND THEIR ACCOUNTS WILL NOT BE SUGGESTED TO OTHER USERS.
THOSE BETWEEN 13 AND 15 ON THE APP CAN ONLY ALLOW FRIENDS TO COMMENT ON THEIR VIDEOS OR THEY CAN JUST TURN OFF THE COMMENT OPTION ALTOGETHER.
TIKTOK HAS BEEN ADDING MORE PRIVACY CONTROLS FOR UNDERAGE ACCOUNTS OVER THE PAST YEAR.
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HEADLINE: YOUTUBE FREEZES PRESIDENT TRUMP'S ACCOUNT
HEADLINE 2: CHANNEL WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO UPLOAD NEW VIDEOS OR LIVE STREAMS FOR A WEEK
YOUTUBE HAS SUSPENDED PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP'S ACCOUNT FOR A WEEK, THE LATEST TECH COMPANY TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST HIM.
THE COMPANY SAID IT HAD REMOVED NEW CONTENT UPLOADED TO THE CHANNEL FOR VIOLATING ITS POLICIES AGAINST INCITING VIOLENCE.
THE CHANNEL WILL BE PREVENTED FROM UPLOADING NEW VIDEOS OR LIVE STREAMS FOR A MINIMUM OF SEVEN DAYS.
YOUTUBE SAYS IT WILL ALSO DISABLE COMMENTS INDEFINITELY ON THE PRESIDENT'S CHANNEL CITING ONGOING CONCERNS ABOUT VIOLENCE.
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HEADLINE: AIRBNB ANNOUNCES NEW SAFETY PLAN
HEADLINE 2: PLATFORM WILL BLOCK INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH HATE GROUPS
AIRBNB SAYS IT WILL TAKE STEPS TO BLOCK PRESIDENT TRUMP SUPPORTERS WHO ATTACKED THE U.S. CAPITOL FROM RETURNING TO WASHINGTON DC.
THE COMPANY SAID IT WILL BAN INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED AS BEING INVOLVED IN THE ATTACK, AND END THEIR ACCOUNT IF THEY HAVE ONE.
IF SOMEONE ASSOCIATED WITH A HATE GROUP MAKES A RESERVATION, AIRBNB WILL CANCEL THE BOOKING AND BAN THE PERSON FROM USING ITS PLATFORM.
AIRBNB SAYS IT WILL ALSO ASKS FOR ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AND WILL REQUIRE PEOPLE TO PROVIDE THEIR ID AT ALL TIMES.
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HEADLINE: HULU OFFERS STUDENT DISCOUNT
HEADLINE 2: COLLEGE STUDENTS MUST BE 18 AND VERIFY THEIR ENROLLMENT STATUS
HULU HAS INTRODUCED A NEW SUBSCRIPTION DISCOUNT FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS.

THE COMPANY IS OFFERING STUDENTS A $2-PER-MONTH DISCOUNT FOR ITS AD-SUPPORTED PLAN WITH UNLIMITED ACCESS TO ITS STREAMING LIBRARY OF SHOWS AND MOVIES.
ELIGIBLE STUDENTS MUST BE AT LEAST 18 AND CURRENTLY ENROLLED AT AN ACCREDITED U.S. COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.
OTHER COMPANIES LIKE SPOTIFY HAVE ALSO OFFERED DISCOUNTED SUBSCRIPTION PLANS FOR STUDENTS.
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HEADLINE: SAMSUNG ADDS ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES
HEADLINE 2: NEWER TVS TO FEATURE CAPTION MOVING AND SIGN LANGUAGE ZOOM
SAMSUNG SAYS IT WILL MAKE ITS TVS MORE ACCESSIBLE FOR PEOPLE WITH LOW VISION AND HEARING DISABILITIES.
THE COMPANY SAID THAT ALL OF ITS NEWER TV MODELS WILL HAVE FEATURES SUCH AS THE ABILITY TO MOVE CAPTIONS, SIGN LANGUAGE ZOOM, AND MULTI-OUTPUT AUDIO.
SAMSUNG ALSO INTRODUCED THE ABILITY TO INVERT COLORS ON A MENU THAT CAN MAKE IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE WITH LOW VISION TO SEE THE MENU OPTIONS.
THE COMPANY SAYS IT WILL EXPAND ITS VOICE GUIDE FEATURE FOR THOSE WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS TO MORE PRODUCT CATEGORIES BY 2022.
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https://www.cnet.com/news/samsung-makes-its-2021-tvs-more-accessible-for-people-with-vision-or-hearing-disabilities/

HEADLINE: SPOTIFY KIDS LAUNCHES "SHARED PLAYLISTS"
HEADLINE 2: FEATURE LETS PARENTS TO SHARE MUSICAL PLAYLISTS WITH THEIR CHILDREN
SPOTIFY KIDS IS INTRODUCING A NEW FEATURE THAT ALLOWS PARENTS TO SHARE PLAYLISTS WITH THEIR CHILDREN.
PLAYLISTS MUST BE CREATED BY PARENTS USING PIN-PROTECTED SETTINGS ON THE APP.
SPOTIFY SAYS THE "SHARED PLAYLIST" FEATURE GIVES PARENTS A WAY TO EXPOSE MUSIC THEY LOVED GROWING UP OR SONGS THEY ENJOY AS A FAMILY.
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HI I'M NEWSY'S GAGE JACKSON BRINGING YOU THE LATEST TECH HEADLINES.

HEADLINE: YOUTUBE FREEZES CHANNELS FOR FALSE INFO
HEADLINE 2: TARGETS NEW VIDEOS ALLEGING ELECTION FRAUD; CHANNELS WILL RECEIVE A STRIKE
YOUTUBE SAYS IT WILL SUSPEND ANY CHANNEL POSTING VIDEOS WITH MISINFORMATION ABOUT THE 2020 ELECTION RESULTS.
THE PLATFORM WILL NOW ISSUE A STRIKE TO ANY CHANNEL THAT POSTS NEW VIDEOS ABOUT UNPROVEN CLAIMS OF WIDESPREAD VOTER FRAUD.
CHANNELS THAT RECEIVE A STRIKE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO POST OR LIVE STREAM FOR A WEEK.
IF A CHANNEL GETS THREE STRIKES WITHIN 90 DAYS, THEN IT WILL BE PERMANENTLY BANNED FROM THE PLATFORM.
YOUTUBE SAYS IT MADE THE DECISION FOLLOWING THE EVENTS ON JANUARY 6TH AND THE CERTIFICATION OF THE ELECTION RESULTS.
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HEADLINE: BBVA TO SHUT DOWN "SIMPLE" APP
HEADLINE 2: COMPANY WILL MIGRATE CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS TO BBVA USA
THE ONLINE BANKING APP "SIMPLE" IS SHUTTING DOWN.
PARENT COMPANY BBVA EMAILED SIMPLE CUSTOMERS TO SAY THEIR ACCOUNTS WILL BE SERVICED BY BBVA USA.
IT SAYS THE DECISION TO SHUT DOWN SIMPLE WAS A STRATEGIC MOVE TO STREAMLINE ITS BUSINESS BEFORE COMPLETING ITS MERGER WITH PNC BANK.
SIMPLE WAS LAUNCHED ABOUT A DECADE AGO TO OFFER NO-FRILLS ONLINE BANKING SERVICES WITH BUILT-IN BUDGETING TOOLS.
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HEADLINE: FACEBOOK PAGES GET REDESIGN
HEADLINE 2: 'LIKES' WILL BE REMOVED TO FOCUS MORE ON FOLLOWERS
FACEBOOK PAGES ARE GETTING A REVAMPED, SIMILAR DESIGN.
THE PLATFORM WILL NO LONGER DISPLAY PUBLIC PAGES' TOTAL LIKES -- JUST THE NUMBER OF FOLLOWERS.
A DEDICATED NEWS FEED ON FACEBOOK PAGES WILL ALSO BE DISPLAYED, WHERE USERS CAN JOIN CONVERSATIONS, FOLLOW TRENDS AND INTERACT WITH PAGE OWNERS.
FACEBOOK SAYS THE SIMPLER DESIGN WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR USERS TOGGLE BETWEEN THEIR PERSONAL FACEBOOK PROFILE AND THEIR PUBLIC PAGE.
FACEBOOK WILL RELEASE THE UPDATED PAGES IN THE COMING MONTHS.
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https://techcrunch.com/2021/01/06/facebook-redesigns-pages-with-a-more-simplified-layout-and-no-like-button/

HEADLINE: APPLE ANNOUNCES RECORD HOLIDAY SPENDING
HEADLINE 2: APP STORE CUSTOMERS SPENT $1.8B OVER HOLIDAY SEASON
APPLE SAYS ITS APP STORE CUSTOMERS SPENT A RECORD AMOUNT DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON.
CUSTOMERS REPORTEDLY SPENT $1.8 BILLION ON DIGITAL GOODS AND SERVICES BETWEEN CHRISTMAS EVE AND NEW YEAR'S EVE.
CUSTOMERS ALSO SPENT A RECORD $540 MILLION ON NEW YEAR'S DAY IN THE APP STORE.
APPLE MUSIC ALSO REPORTEDLY HAD A RECORD YEAR.
APPLE MADE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT AS IT CONTINUES TO WRESTLE OVER HOW MUCH CONTROL IT HAS OVER ITS APP STORE APPS.
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HEADLINE: TILE TO LAUNCH NEW TRACKER PRODUCT

HEADLINE 2: PRODUCT WILL USE ULTRA-WIDEBAND TECHNOLOGY TO FIND MISSING ITEMS

TILE IS PLANNING TO LAUNCH A NEW TRACKER PRODUCT TO FIND LOST ITEMS LIKE KEYS AND HANDBAGS.
THE NEW TRACKER PRODUCT WILL USE ULTRA-WIDEBAND TECHNOLOGY AND AUGMENTED REALITY THROUGH THE TILE MOBILE APP.
TILE TRACKERS HAVE PREVIOUSLY USED BLUETOOTH TO HELP PEOPLE LOCATE ITEMS.
THE ULTRA-WIDEBAND TECHNOLOGY IS AVAILABLE ON NEWER SMARTPHONES BUT THERE'S NO WORD ON WHEN TILE'S NEW TRACKER WILL BE RELEASED.
https://techcrunch.com/2021/01/05/tile-to-launch-to-launch-a-new-tracker-powered-by-ultra-wideband-technology/

HEADLINE: VENMO LAUNCHES "CASH A CHECK"
HEADLINE 2: FEATURE LETS SELECT U.S. CUSTOMERS CASH CHECKS, ADD TO VENMO ACCOUNT

VENMO HAS LAUNCHED A NEW FEATURE CALLED "CASH A CHECK" FOR SELECT U.S. CUSTOMERS.
THE FEATURE ALLOWS USERS TO CASH CHECKS AND SEND FUNDS TO THEIR VENMO ACCOUNT.
CUSTOMERS TAKE A PHOTO OF THE CHECK USING THE VENMO APP ON THEIR SMARTPHONE.
FEES WILL BE WAIVED FOR A LIMITED TIME FOR THOSE EXPECTING TO RECEIVE A STIMULUS CHECK.
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HEADLINE: AMAZON TO ACQUIRE WONDERY
HEADLINE 2: ACQUISITION IS MEANT TO EXPAND AMAZON'S AUDIO CONTENT

AMAZON WILL ACQUIRE PODCASTING COMPANY WONDERY TO EXPAND ITS AUDIO CONTENT COLLECTION.
AMAZON SAYS THAT WHEN THE DEAL CLOSES, LISTENERS WILL CONTINUE TO ACCESS WONDERY PODCASTS THROUGH A VARIETY OF PROVIDERS.
WONDERY IS KNOWN FOR POPULAR TRUE CRIME PODCASTS AND REACHES MORE THAN 10 MILLION LISTENERS EVERY MONTH.

THIS COMES AS COMPANIES LIKE SPOTIFY AND APPLE ARE CONTINUING TO DOMINATE THE PODCAST BUSINESS.
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HEADLINE: T-MOBILE CONFIRMS DATA BREACH
HEADLINE 2: DATA ACCESSED INCLUDE PHONE NUMBERS, CALL-RELATED INFO
T-MOBILE HAS CONFIRMED THAT SOME OF ITS CUSTOMERS MAY HAVE HAD THEIR INFORMATION EXPOSED IN A DATA BREACH.
THE COMPANY SAID THAT THE DATA ACCESSED INCLUDE PHONE NUMBERS AND CALL-RELATED INFORMATION.
BUT THE DATA DID *NOT INVOLVE NAMES, ADDRESSES, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS, CREDIT CARD INFO, PASSWORDS, OR PINS.
SO FAR, T-MOBILE HASN'T NAMED WHO OR WHAT BROKE INTO ITS SYSTEMS.
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